

BALLINGER MAKES PUBLIC HIS POLICY

Returns From Western Tour of Inspection of Public Lands.

Is Strongly in Favor of the Reclamation Work and Believes Congress Should Issue Bonds to Complete Work.

His Annual Report will Define Special Use of Mineral Deposits--Says Indian Schools are Conducted in Poor Manner

(Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, who returned to Washington last night after a tour of inspection of the public domain interests in the far west which came under the jurisdiction of his department, gave out a statement today which is regarded as a declaration of his policy on these matters. The statement is written in the third person and discusses various features of the department's work, devoting particular attention to the various reclamation enterprises, and especially the water power sites on the public domain. The secretary reiterates "without fear of contradiction" the statement hitherto made on his behalf, that since his incumbency no water power sites on the public domain heretofore withdrawn, have been secured by private parties, and that he has energetically made every effort, by temporary withdrawals, to segregate the existing water power sites on the public domain, in order to enable congress to legislate for their more prudent disposition. According to the statement, the

secretary favors the reclamation work and also favors the securing of authority from congress for the issuance of bonds against the reclamation funds to give the service the means whereby all the existing projects can be completed and necessary extensions undertaken. The secretary declined to discuss any phase of the controversy regarding the conservation policies which had been declared as existing between himself and Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot concerning the government forests. Ballinger declared himself as in accord with the president as to undertaking irrigation work. In his annual report he says he will place special emphasis upon the right use and disposition of coal, phosphate, oil, and other mineral deposits, water power sites, and other natural resources of the public domain. The conditions existing in some of the Indian schools visited are described by the secretary as "a disgrace to the nation." He declared that some were nothing but mere rat traps, foul with age, and unsanitary.

VIRGINIA CITY SINKING INTO A DEEP CANYON

Prof. Young of Nevada State University Predicts a Catastrophe at Any Moment Unless Precautions are Taken.

(By Associated Press.)
RENO, Oct. 27.—That the old mining camp of Virginia City is sinking into the deep canyon on the side of which it is located, and that it has already slipped down the hill a distance of eleven feet, was the startling announcement made today by Prof. Young, head of the mining and geological department of the University of Nevada today. Professor Young states that the

steady sinking is due to the old underground timbering of the Comstock mines, which was placed 50 years ago and which is gradually crumbling, and is responsible for the phenomena. He also predicts a catastrophe at any moment unless steps are taken to prevent it. Only a few days ago an old "glory hole" caved in and left an opening in the ground several hundred feet in depth.

JUDGE MURPHY PASSES AWAY AT CARSON CITY

(By Associated Press.)
RENO, Oct. 27.—Judge M. A. Murphy, one of the most distinguished jurists and pioneers of the state, died tonight at his home in this city, after an illness of several weeks, due to pneumonia. Judge Murphy was born in New York in 1837.

GAYNOR SUES NEW YORK PAPER FOR LIBEL

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The unusual spectacle of a mayoralty candidate suing for libel a newspaper which is his chief supporter in his campaign, was one of the political developments in New York City today.

William J. Gaynor, democratic candidate for mayor, brought suit against the Press Publishing company, publishers of the New York World, for \$100,000 damages. The action is based on alleged libelous statements in an article in the Evening World by Arthur Brisbane, the editorial writer for W. R. Hearst, who has been presenting the Hearst side of the campaign in a series of articles under his signature. The World opened its columns at the beginning of the campaign to the principal supporters of the various candidates.

HEAVY FINES LEVIED AGAINST OIL COMPANY

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 27.—Judge Calhoun of the district court here today entered an order assessing the Security Oil company penalties of \$50 a day from July 23, 1903, to November 6, 1907, when an injunction was issued stopping the alleged violation of the anti-trust laws. The fines aggregate \$75,000. The Navarro Refining company was penalized \$50 daily from October 12, 1907, to November 6, 1907, aggregating \$1300. The charters of both companies were enjoined from doing business in Texas. Guy Coletti of Austin was appointed receiver of both companies, with instructions to advertise the properties for sale on December 2.

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DRY FARMING CONGRESS NOT TO CHANGE NAME

(Associated Press.)
BILLINGS, Mont., Oct. 27.—The feature of today's sessions of the dry farming congress was the address of Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern railroad. His talk this afternoon was devoted to showing the results of the dry farming movement in Montana, which he proved by his figures shown on charts. The state of Montana will not be classed as an agricultural state. The delegates today voted upon the question of changing the name "dry farming" to something less suggestive of barren land, but the proposition was defeated.

PASTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BIGAMY

(By Associated Press.)
WALLA, WALLA, Oct. 27.—Rev. Frederick H. Ward, pastor of the Baptist church at Frewater, Ore., today pleaded guilty to bigamy and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Ward admitted having wives in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, besides one recently married in Oregon.

MANY MEXICANS ARE STARVING IN THE INTERIOR

(Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27.—A dispatch from San Juan Bautista says the Grifolia river there continues rising, and the condition of the poor has reached the starvation stage, owing to the impossibility of sending out provisions. The total damage will exceed \$5,000,000.

NINE ARE ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY IN ITO'S ASSASSINATION

Authorities Believe Murder was Planned by Same Persons Who Executed Durham White Stevens in San Francisco.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Oct. 27.—The body of Prince Ito, who was assassinated at Harbin yesterday, will be taken on board the Japanese warship Iwate at Dairen, and will be brought to Japan accompanied by a full suite, representing the entire nation. The body lay today in a hotel at Dairen. Guards surrounded the hotel and only the princes and personal staff were admitted. The emperor of Korea cabled his

sympathy to the emperor of Japan, as well as to the Princess Ito. The assassin will probably be tried at Dairen. Nine alleged accomplices have been arrested. The Japanese believe that the assassination of Ito was planned by the same persons who planned the murder of Durham White Stevens, the former diplomatic adviser to the Korean government, at San Francisco in 1908.

DUELISTS AT HAVANA WILL NOT FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
HAVANA, Oct. 27.—The threatened duel between Secretary of State Justo Velez and Secretary of Sanitation Dr. Mathias Duque, will probably not take place. The court of honor to which the affair was referred today decided that there was no necessity for a duel. The trouble arose from an altercation over what Secretary Duque believed to be the impertinent interference of Secretary Velez in his department.

HEINZE WILL HAVE TO PAY A SMALL FINE

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Arthur P. Heinze, who was convicted last June of advising a witness in the United Copper company investigation to evade the service of a summons from the grand jury, was today sentenced by Judge Ray in the United States circuit court to pay a fine of \$250 and be imprisoned ten days in the New York City jail. Judge Ray declined to grant a stay.

NAVAL OFFICERS PRESENT ULTIMATUM TO GREEK GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS OF WESTERN PACIFIC TO TOUR LINE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Charles Levey, the recently elected vice president and general manager of the Western Pacific, will start on a tour of inspection of the company's lines tomorrow, accompanied by Virgil Bogue, the chief engineer. The officials will inspect the road as far as Oroville on the present trip.

Demand Dismissal of Number of High Officers of Navy—Minister of Marine May be Forced to Comply.

(By Associated Press.)
ATHENS, Oct. 27.—"Government by ultimatum" took another sensational turn today. Some 30 naval officers, supported by the military league, have been for some time demanding the dismissal of a number of high officers of the navy on the ground of incompetency, as a preliminary step to the reorganization of the navy. The minister of marine has constantly refused to accede to the demand, and the league last night presented a 24-hour ultimatum requesting the enactment of the order, suspending all promotion for five years, the abolition of

the post of rear admiral, heretofore held by Prince George, together with the two vice admirals, and fifteen positions of lesser rank. The premier tried to meet the case by promising to submit a bill altering the age limit for superannuation from 65 to 50 years. The military league refused the offer to-night and the 30 naval officers quit the capital and repaired to Salamis, about ten miles from Athens, and not far from the arsenal. Although their number is small, they are backed by the military league. It is believed the cabinet will be compelled to grant the demands. Great excitement prevails.

BILL LANGE PUT SQUIRES TO SLEEP

(By Associated Press.)
MELBOURNE, Oct. 27.—"Bill" Lange, the Australian pugilist, today knocked out "Bill" Squires, of Australia, in the twentieth round. They fought for the heavyweight championship of Australia.

SWITCHMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH BY ENGINE

(By Associated Press.)
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 27.—One man was killed and two seriously injured at Laramie today when a switch engine in the Union Pacific freight yards collided with some freight cars. J. Grimes, a switchman, was crushed to death.

FOLLOWERS OF TAFT CANNOT STAND PRESIDENT'S PACE

River Schedule of Chief Executive is all Shot to Pieces as Boats are Unable to keep up Speed.

(By Associated Press.)
HELENA, Ark., Oct. 27.—The president's river schedule went all to pieces today, owing to the inability of the vessels following the flagship Oleander, to maintain the designated speed. The president tried to remain with the fleet as far as possible, and delayed the arrival at Memphis three hours today, in order that the boat carrying the 26 governors and 117 congressmen, as well as other vessels carrying delegates to the waterways convention at New Orleans, might land at the same time. Leaving Memphis a half hour behind the schedule, the Oleander had to press forward at top speed in order to reach here at 8 o'clock, two

hours behind the schedule. Leaving here nearly three hours late tonight, the president will not reach Vicksburg, the next stop, until 6 o'clock or probably later, tomorrow evening. It was intended that the president should be welcomed to Arkansas by Governor Donaghey, but the governor's boat was an hour behind the president, and the introductory speech was made by Mayor Martin. The president is still very hoarse, and it was with great effort that he spoke on the commercial advantages the Mississippi river already afforded which were not being taken advantage of. In opening the new Y. M. C. A. at Memphis, the president used a golden key, which he kept as a souvenir.

FURIOUS STORM RAGING ON THE BEHRING SEA

(By Associated Press.)
NOME, Alaska, Oct. 27.—A furious storm is raging in the Behring sea. The whaler Olga of San Francisco has been wrecked at the mouth of Snake river and several small coastwise steamers have been washed ashore. The steamer Senator of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's line bound for Nome with eight passengers and 68 in the crew, was unable to make a landing at Nome and has taken shelter behind Sledge Island, eight miles north of Nome.

TAFT DID NOT TAKE A COCKTAIL AT ST. LOUIS

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—Officials of the St. Louis club, where President Taft breakfasted Monday morning as the guest of the Commercial club, were indignant today over a story printed locally and attributed to the authority of the club's head waiter, that President Taft had drunk a big cocktail at the club, thus "falling off the water wagon," that he had added six big cups of black coffee to the cocktail and had partaken of the remainder of the breakfast in according proportions. As a matter of fact the club officials say they knew full well that the president is dieting, that he has recently abstained from drinking any alcoholic beverages, merely as part of the dietary plan and for reasons of health, and the service to him was governed accordingly.

CADET CORPS DOES NOT APPEAL TO FOREIGNERS

(By Associated Press.)
SPOKANE, Oct. 27.—Fearing that at the same time they may be called upon to take up arms against their native countries, more than a dozen alien students of the Washington State College at Pullman have petitioned that they be not required to enroll in the military department of the school.

The petitioners, who include two Englishmen, two Scotchmen, a native of India and a half dozen Japanese, assert that, under the present law, enrollment in the cadet corps would make them subject to service in the United States army in case of war. The faculty has not yet ruled on the petition. The faculty receives a fund from the government, on condition that all students engage in military drill.